but died before they got any conſiderable diſtance. In the *Weſt*, I ſaw two ſmall long Clouds, which interpoſed betwixt me and the light Streams; which I ſaw above the Clouds, and betwixt them, which convinc'd me that this Light (whatever it be) is far above them. I have drawn a Scheme of the whole Horizon, as it appear'd to me. *(See the Figure.)* That bright Star is *Jupiter*, whoſe Place then was 17° in *Aries*, and was about South-Weſt, I gueſs about 20° high. Some of the brighteſt Stars in *Taurus*, *Orion*, and *Aries* appear'd South and South Eaſt; but I have not placed thoſe but by gueſs. In this ſtate I left it: But was told by one that ſaw it after Ten o' Clock, that the whirling Light in the Zenith appeared of ſeveral Colours, as, blue, green, yellow, and reddiſh. But that I did not ſee.

I am, &c.

V. *A Letter from the Reverend Mr.* Edmund Barrel, *Rector of* Sutton *near* Dartford *in* Kent, *to Sir* Hans Sloane, *Baronet, concerning a Shock of an Earthquake felt in that Neighbourhood*, &c.

SIR, *Sutton, Aug.* 11*th*, 1727.

I had an Information brought to me Yeſterday, on purpoſe to be communicated to your Society; 'twas, that the Earthquake was felt very ſenſibly at a Farm on a Hill called *Skeat-Hill*, which is at the Weſt End of *Lullingſtone*-Park, belonging to *Percival Hart*, Eſq;

Eſq; about 8 Miles South-Weſt from *Dartford*: And the ſame Morning a Piece of Ground, in a Meadow in *Farningham*, about five Miles South of *Dartford*, fell in, ſo as leave a Pit about 8 or 10 Feet over and near as deep; and being on the ſame level with the River, it was (when ſeen that Morning) fill'd with Water, within 3 or 4 feet of the Top; tho' that Spot of Ground, was ſuppoſed to have been as ſound as any about it, Carts having many times gone over that very place. I thought it not improper to trouble you with this, ſuppoſing, that the Curious, will be pleas'd to hear how far the Shock of the Earthquake was felt.

P. S. In my Letter about *Miſſelto*, I mentioned a viſible Proof, that there always was a *germinating* Principle in the Seeds of this Plant, whenever the Berries remained on their Boughs till *May*. The Birds do not often permit any ſuch to be found; but as I have formerly obſerved this, ſo I have met with ſome this Year, whereof I have herewith ſent you a *Specimen*; wherein you will find both old ripe Berries and young green Ones, on the ſame Stalks; and in the old you may ſee (even through their Skin) the little *Germen* putting forth its Head from the Seed or Kernel. I have likewiſe formerly had a Suſpicion that the Plants of *Miſſelto* are ſome *Male*, ſome *Female*: I am now further perſwaded, that it may be ſo; and if this be confirmed by my future enquiries I will make bold to give you an Account of it.

I am, &c.